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school districts will then pick up the ten percent as the law calls for right now. The object of LB 765 in the first place was to provide for about four hundred forty thousand dollars worth of property tax relief, pure and simple. There are federal funds available to fully fund this program. They cannot be used in any other program and they will be lost to the state if we do not use them in this manner and it is pure and simple a property tax relief bill and so I would urge the adoption of my amendment and the readvancement of the bill.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Fowler.

SENATOR FOWLER: Mr. President, after visiting with Senator Lamb, after his indications to me that with my amendment the odds of the bill being vetoed are increased even further than they are as the bill is now, with an understanding perhaps where the Governor does stand on support for preschool special education and an understanding of the amount of commitment he has to those programs, and in the spirit of urban-rural cooperation, I will go along with Senator Lamb's motion to strike my amendment. I think it was a good idea. I think it is a problem we are going to face at some time but in deference to Senator Lamb and his leadership in education and education programs I will go along with this amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: I rise to support Senator Lamb reluctantly but certainly I don't want to be embarrassed again by a veto, particularly for young children, but also to say to this body, you watch, the next week or two there is going to be a lawsuit and it is going to be over lids and mandated programs and it is going to be interesting to see how it happens. When this body mandates and then we put amendments on, it is going to be an interesting case to make a decision on and I hope the court gives us a little bit of advice and says when you mandate you can't put limits on it because that in effect you cannot carry out the mandates of the law and it is going to happen.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Lamb, do you wish to close?

SENATOR LAMB: No closing, Mr. Chairman.

SENATOR CLARK: The question before the House is the adoption to return the bill to Select File. All those